FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(I) (Instr. 4)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLETE (ALE)				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
Bussmann Wynn V.								X Director 10% Owner			
(Last)	(First) (Middle)			Identification Numberting Person,		Statement for onth/Day/Year	Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
5435 Corporate Drive, Suite 300				if an entity (voluntary) 12/3/02			/3/02		_		
(Street)							If Amendment, te of Original	1 8\ 11		Applicable Line)	
Troy, MI 48098						(M	onth/Day/Year)	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Table I — Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
, ,	action Execution a		1	ion Code (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
	(Month/ Day/ Year)	if any (Month/Day/ Year)	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Follow- ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	12/1/02		P		366.695	A	23.18	2569.355 ⁽¹⁾	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of Conver-3A. 5. Number of Derivative 6. Date 7. Title and Amount 8. Price of 9. Number of 10. 11. Nature Trans-Securities Acquired (A) or Derivative Deemed Exercisable of Underlying of Indirect sion or Trans Derivative Derivative Owner-Security Exercise action Execution action Disposed of (D) and Expiration Securities Security Securities ship Beneficial Date, (Instr. 3 & 4) (Instr. 5) Beneficially Form Ownership Price of Date Code Date (Month/Day (Instr. 3) Derivative lif anv (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) Owned hf (Instr. 4) . Year) (Month) (Month/ Security (Instr. Following Deriv-Day/ Day/ Reported ative Year) Transaction(s) Security: (Instr. 4) Direct (D)

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Explanation of Responses:

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(1) Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under the dividend reinvestment feature of ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan as of December 3, 2002.

(D)

December 3, 2002 By: /s/ Philip R. Halverson Philip R. Halverson for Wynn V. Bussmann Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Expira-Title Amount or

Number of

Shares

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(A)

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